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## bore<sup>1</sup>

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### **verb** bored, bor·ing

1. To make a hole in or through with or as if with a drill.
2. To form (for example, a tunnel) by drilling, digging, or burrowing.

### **noun**

1. A hole or passage made by or as if by drilling.
2. The interior diameter of a hole, tube, or cylinder.
3. The caliber of a firearm.
4. A drilling tool. [From Old English *borian*]

### **Other Derivatives:** bor'er, *noun*

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## elastoplastic

Materials Science

An elastomer that contains transient crosslinks, unlike most elastomers; it softens when heated for processing, and becomes solid yet maintains its elastic behavior upon cooling. Elastoplastics are derived from polyolefins, polyurethanes, polyesters, and styrene copolymers, and are widely used in making machine parts, housewares, automobile accessories, sporting equipment, adhesives, and toys. Also, thermoplastic rubber.

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